

Drug-induced psychosis occurs in roughly 20% of patients. These symptoms may include paranoia, nightmares, and visual hallucinations. Overactivation of dopamine receptors are thought to be involved in the development of psychosis. It is important to note that utilizing antipsychotic medications for treatment of psychosis in patients with Parkinson's disease may exacerbate symptoms.

Orthostatic Hypotension

[Our Hippo-BP](#)

In the beginning of treatment, it is highly common for patients to experience orthostatic hypotension (postural hypotension). The mechanism behind the side effect is unknown. However, increasing salt and water intake may decrease the occurrence of postural hypotension.

Considerations

Report Uncontrolled Movements

[Out of Control Movement](#)

Patients may experience uncontrolled movements, such as dyskinesias. If these symptoms occur, patients must contact their physician.

Darkened Sweat or Urine

[Dark droplets from Sweaty-sweatband and Urinal](#)

The patient taking levodopa should be advised that they may experience darkened colored sweat and urine. However, this side effect is harmless and the patient does not need to be concerned.

Off and On Phenomenon

[Off and On Phenomenon-lights in sky](#)

Management of Parkinson's with levodopa and carbidopa has been associated with an off and on phenomenon in which relief of symptoms may be lost at times. This occurrence can be reduced by utilizing COMT (entacapone) and MAO-B inhibitors (rasagiline).